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Secure Rural Schools Title II Applicant
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Dear Colleague,

The Northern New Mexico Resource Advisory Committee is now accepting proposals for consideration of funding under Title II of the 2008-2011 Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. Please be sure that you fully complete the attached Title II Project Submission Form and Budget. An electronic version of the submission form, budget, and budget instructions can be found at http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/carson/secure_rural_schools/index.shtml or by following the "Secure Rural Schools" link in the left column of the Carson National Forest home page. No handwritten forms will be accepted.

Title II Project Criteria

All Northern New Mexico Resource Advisory Committee projects must clearly meet the program requirements as specified in Public Law 110-343. A copy of the Act can be found at http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/carson/secure_rural_schools/index.shtml. **The Act mandates that all projects must benefit National Forest System land and**

- **Improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure;**
- **Implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems; and**
- **Restore and improve land health and water quality.**

The Act states that at least 50 percent of all combined project funds must be used for projects that are primarily dedicated to:

1. Road maintenance, decommissioning, obliteration or
2. Restoration of streams and watersheds.

The Northern New Mexico Resource Advisory Committee will select a mix of projects to reflect this percentage in order to meet this program requirement.

The funds may also be used for projects that enjoy broad based support and have objectives that may include--

- road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration;
- soil productivity improvement;
- improvements in forest ecosystem health;
- watershed restoration and maintenance;
- the restoration, maintenance, and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat;
- the control of noxious and exotic weeds; and/or



- re-establishment of native species.

Planning and implementing projects should help improve cooperative relationships among the people that use and care for federal land within the three national forests and eight counties that comprise the Northern New Mexico Resource Advisory Committee area. These areas include lands within the Carson, Cibola and Santa Fe National Forests and the following counties: Cibola, McKinley, Mora, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, San Miguel, Taos and Torrance.

In addition to meeting the above stated criteria, collaboration, leveraging of funds and community support will be used in evaluating proposals. You will need to obtain a letter of support from the District Ranger where your project is located. This letter should explain how your project benefits the National Forest. **All proposals are also encouraged to obtain a letter of support from the corresponding County Commission.**

Who can apply?

Willing federal agencies, state, tribal and local governments, private and nonprofit entities, and landowners are eligible to apply for funding for projects consistent with the purposes of Title II of the 2008-2011 Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.

Funding Available

Please see the attached spreadsheet (Table 1) with a county by county breakdown of carryover money from fiscal years 2008-2010 and the new fiscal year 2011 estimated allocations that are ready for disbursement. The maximum amount of Northern New Mexico Resource Advisory Committee funding per project will not exceed \$75,000. All unallocated funds will remain with the Northern New Mexico Resource Advisory Committee but must be obligated or expended by September 30, 2012.

Awards could have state and federal tax liabilities. Consult with a tax professional for compliance requirements.

Proposal Due Dates

All proposals will be due by August 15, 2011. It is strongly recommended that your entire proposal be reviewed by Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator Ignacio Peralta or Ruben Montes well before the August 15, 2011 deadline to ensure eligibility requirements are met.

Proponents will need to provide both a hard copy and electronic copy of the Title II Project Submission Form to include completed budget. A completed Application for Federal Assistance Standard Form 424 is also required; copy of this form is attached and also can be found at http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/carson/secure_rural_schools/index.shtml.

Associated letters of support, maps or other diagrams should be included as attachments to the proposal's hard copy. If you have the attachments available electronically, please include those as well; however, this is not a requirement. Hard copies and electronic copies should be sent to:

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For additional information or application support please contact:

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Thank you for taking the time to develop your proposal. We look forward to reviewing it.

Sincerely,

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